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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in request for a: ☒ continuation application
☐ DIVISIONAL application

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. PCT/JP02/06968, filed July 10, 2002, for the invention entitled "MULTI-CHANNEL ECHO CANCEL METHOD, MULTI-CHANNEL SOUND TRANSFER METHOD, STEREO ECHO CANCELLER, STEREO SOUND TRANSFER APPARATUS AND TRANSFER FUNCTION CALCULATION APPARATUS" by inventors Toru HIRAI, Mikio TOHYAMA, Hiraku OKUMURA, Yoshikazu HONJI, Hiroshi IRIYAMA, and Koji NIIMI.

1. [X] Enclosed are a specification, formal drawings, and an unsigned declaration.
2. [X] The filing fee is calculated below (see also paragraph 5 below):

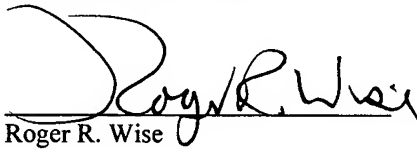
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| A | TOTAL CLAIMS FEE | 52 - 20* = | 32 | X \$9 or X \$18 | \$576 | |
| B | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE** | 25 - 3* = | 22 | X \$43 or X \$86 | \$1892 | |
| C | SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B) | | | | | \$ 0 |
| D | SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140.00 MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280.00 | | | | | \$ 0 |
| E | SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$370.00 BASIC FEE *LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770.00 | | | | | \$ 770 |
| F | TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E) | | | | | \$ 3238 |

3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 16-1805.
4. [X] Two checks in the amount of \$1346 and \$1892, for a total of \$3238 are enclosed.
5. [] Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
6. [] Related Application Data: Please amend the specification by replacing the first paragraph as follows:

7. ☐] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.
8. ☒ Priority of patent application No. 2001-211279 filed in Japan on July 11, 2001, and of patent application No. 2002-179722, filed in Japan on June 20, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: YAMAHA CORPORATION.
10. ☐ The power of attorney appears in the prior application.
11. ☐] The statement of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is still proper.
12. ☒ An IDS is being filed concurrently herewith.
13. ☒ Address all future communications to: Roger R. Wise
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Respectfully submitted,


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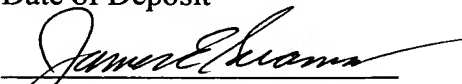
- ☒ Letter of transmittal
- ☒ Patent application (260 pages of specification; 52 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,892.00 to cover independent claims in excess of (3) and \$1,346.00 to cover the filing fee and 32 excess claims fee
- ☒ 43 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ Return postcard
- ☒ An unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ An information disclosure statement with 1 reference

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